

WØMTL — **Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News** — WØKEM



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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday – August 13, at 7:30 PM

Beth Haven Pleasant View
641 Euclid Avenue
Hannibal, Mo 63401

Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor, and the club's meeting room is directly across the hallway. See map directions on HARC website.

MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – AUGUST 2014

4 K0DFW HOWARD
11 KB9VIS BRIAN
18 KDØHHN DON
25 WØPGL TONY





HARC MINUTES FOR AUGUST, 2014 MEETING



Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN

Hannibal Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes Of July 9th, 2014

Don (KD0HHN) opened the meeting at 7:30pm with 16 people present including 2 guests.

Minutes for the July meeting were brought up for discussion. A motion to approve was made by Cliff (K0CA) and seconded by Mel (KC0HYY). The motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Larry (WB2UFO). Last month's ending balance was \$1,578.02; this month's ending balance was \$1, 569.17. The CD balance is \$1,318.01, and Total Assets are \$2,887.18. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Cliff (K0CA) and seconded by John (KC9MMO). The motion carried.

Repeaters:

Don reported that both repeaters seem to be operating with no problems. There have been no more reports of noise or interference on either machine.

Unfinished Business:

Reporting on Field Day, Don (KD0HYY) stated we had 14 operators, and turned it over to Cliff (K0CA) to give a summary of our final statistics. Cliff reported 2,214 total points, which was very close to last

year's total. We had 440 contacts on CW worth 2 points each totaling 880 points. We also had 227 phone contacts, and the GOTA station had 5 operators. The facility was outstanding and we hope we can use it again next year. Cliff and Don also mentioned Presiding Commissioner Lyndon Bode stopping by, and the recognition by Bev Darr with the Hannibal Courier Post.

The club would like to give special thanks to Cliff (K0CA). Cliff was the only CW operator, and spent many hours making contacts and accumulating the majority of our points. Maybe next year, we'll have more CW operators. Thanks again Cliff!

Don (KD0HHN) brought up the phone line extender that was donated by Jack Elmore. We still need a description written up to sell the unit. Don wants to take it to the Quincy Hamfest on August 9th if it doesn't sell before then. Ed (N0WNV) made a motion to ask \$250.00 for the unit, and it was seconded by Larry (WB2UFO). The motion carried.

NOTE: If anyone is interested in this item, (CARLSON WIRELESS TRAILBLAZER PE – I-WLL LL4 - 2.4 GHZ – ALL DIGITAL REMOTE WIRELESS TELEPHONE LINK -- Commercial Phone Line Extender – 2 Line), or knows someone who might be, tell them to call Don, KD0HHN, club president, or Howard K0DFW, to get more information, and to make an offer.

New Business:

Don (KD0HHN) reminded everyone about the Quincy Hamfest coming up August 9th at the usual place and time.

Don also reminded the Monday Night Net Control Operators to be sure to use a current club roster, also if you are scheduled to be Net Control and can't make it, be sure to let someone know ahead of time.

Don (KD0HHN) mentioned an article in QST magazine about 2 meter simplex contests. A group in Benton County Oregon holds them on Saturdays for about 3 hours. Discussion followed about possibly trying it in our local Club and if it works out, inviting other clubs to participate. Don has a Power Point Presentation on 2 meter operations that he will bring to the next meeting. He has everything downloaded and saved so we can get started. The Twin Rivers Radio Club in Pike County, IL has a Simplex Net every Thursday night at 8:30pm on 146.465. It was suggested trying to hit that net to test our simplex capabilities. The importance of simplex operation was discussed in respect to emergency communications.

Cliff (K0CA) announced the W1AW/portable State leaderboard reported 29 contacts, and Larry (WB2UFO) probably had the lion's share of them. Larry stated that 2 meter operations on W1AW/portable probably provided people an opportunity that would not have been available for them otherwise.

Cliff (K0CA) mentioned the ARRL has a House Bill 4969 before Congress to afford residents of private covenant areas the same protections as residents of municipalities. Also known as the Amateur Radio Parody Act of 2014, it requires zoning laws to provide reasonable accommodation for outdoor antennas. If anyone has access to their State Representative, please consider asking them to co-sponsor the bill. Contact Cliff (K0CA) if you have any questions or need help. Cliff made a

motion for the Club to send a letter to Rep. Sam Graves when the form letter is available on the ARRL website. The motion was seconded by Ed (N0WNV). The motion carried.

Carol (WA9EFV) and Nancy (XYL) reminded the group about the **Redneck Retreat Day** coming up August 10th at their home "QTH". Bring a covered dish, eat around noon.
Cliff

(K0CA) encouraged members to look at page 66 in the August issue of QST. **Ann Lauer (KB9BAL)** is pictured at the Dayton Hamfest handing out ARRL Centennial Coins. Congratulations Ann!

Mike (NA9Q) brought up a note of interest regarding K1MAN. His license renewal was denied by the FCC. Cliff (K0CA) made the comment that the ARRL has been putting pressure on the FCC for better enforcement and it seems to have helped.

Mike (NA9Q) announced that the Quincy Radio Club added a DSTAR module to the UHF repeater so they now have 2 meter and 440 DSTAR capabilities. Don (KD0HHN) asked Mike if he could do a presentation on DSTAR operations. Mike agreed to try it at the September 10th meeting.

50/50:

The 50/50 was won by Dave (KB0RZN) and it was donated back to the Club. Thanks, Dave.

A motion to adjourn was made by Carol (WA9EFV), and it was seconded by Steve (KD0UVU). The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Larry (WB2UFO) made a very good presentation after the meeting. He demonstrated how to install a PL-259 coax connector on a cable. Having the right tools makes a difference. Thanks Larry!

Respectfully submitted by Dave Milam KB0RZN

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2014

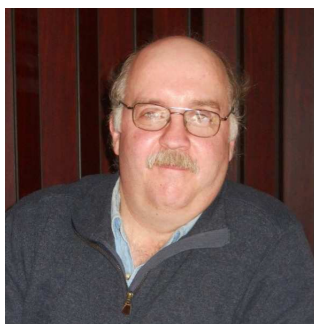
October 8th

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KB0WIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2014 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
BY DON VARY KDØHHN



Well, here we are a little over half-way through the year, Field Day is over and fall is soon approaching. I would like to thank everyone who helped at Field Day this year, whether it was helping set up, operate, or tear down; everyone's help was greatly appreciated. I would especially like to thank Stephen St.Clair, KDØUVU, and Jean McBride for offering the facility of the Marion County Health Department for our use. It was nice not having to worry about running for tarps to cover radios if it rained, and it was really nice being in an air conditioned facility as well. I would also like to thank Larry, WB2UFO, for all of his work with the GOTA station, and Cliff, KØCA for getting all of the CW QSO's, and Mark, NØZOF for getting the ARRL digital message.

I see and hear that there is a new Amateur Radio club that has started in the area. It is called the Twin Rivers Amateur Radio club, and they are based over in Pittsfield, IL. Some of the members you will recognize as they check into our net on Monday nights. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Baptist church on the corner of Memorial and W. Washington St, and their meetings start at 6pm. If you don't have anything to do on the 3rd Wednesday, take a drive over, I'm sure they will be glad to see you at the meetings. Speaking of the other side of the river, August 9th will be the 29th Quincy Hamfest from 8 AM til 12PM at the Eagles' Alps grounds. They will also be doing testing, as in the past, and if you know of someone who wants to test, contact Mike Nowak, NA9Q at (217) 224-8526 or na9q@arrl.net.

The last thing that I want to mention is some presentations that will be coming up at the next few meetings. Next month (Aug) I will be doing a presentation about 2 meter sprint competitions. Carol Bartlett pointed out an article that was in a recent issue of QST Magazine about a group in Oregon that does a 2 meter simplex "sprint" competition. They have reported that at first it was a little slow, but over the past few months they have noticed an increase in 2 meter use. Also, in September Mike Nowak will be doing a D-Star presentation. Quincy has set up a second D-Star repeater, and he will be showing how the system works, and some of the things it can be used for. If anyone has an

idea that they would like to see as a presentation, or something that they would like to present, please let me know and we will schedule it for a meeting. Well, that's all for now, everyone stay cool and hydrated.

73 Don

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DX News and Notes, JULY 2014

by Mike Nowack NA9Q



DX Notes & News



DX NOTES....

For those of you who have had occasion to correspond with the DXCC Desk at ARRL Headquarters, the name of Bill Moore, NC1L, will be familiar. Bill is the DXCC Program Manager and as such is responsible for the overall operation of the DXCC program. If you have ever had cards checked at a major ARRL sanctioned convention such as Dayton, you probably have met Bill. Unfortunately, we received some sad news recently from ARRL HQ informing members that Bill was very seriously injured in an automobile accident early in July. He is currently in a rehab facility in Hartford and is expected to have a long recovery ahead of him. Bill's neck was broken in the accident and he is paralyzed from the upper body down. Friends are encouraged to send notes or cards of friendship and encouragement to Bill at his home address which is 92 Reservoir Road, Newington, CT. 06111.

If you are following the W1AW/x Centennial Award portable operations, (yea, I know it isn't a DX subject but a neat award to go after anyway) be aware, we are now well in the second half of the year and some states are now appearing on the air for the second and last time. If you missed some of the early state operations, now is

the time to review the operating schedule. You don't want to miss a state and be ineligible for the award. Last week, South Carolina was the lone state active and it was the second time around for that state. There still are a couple of states yet to make their first appearance... check the schedule and work 'em now.

DX News.....

5N, TANZANIA. Just a reminder that IW2NEF, will be active as 5H1NE from Zanzibar Island (AF-032) between July 22nd and August 6th. Activity will be holiday style on the HF bands using SSB only. QSL via IK2DUW.

8Q, MALDIVES. Petter, LA2PIA will be active as 8Q7PS from South Male Atoll (AS-013) until July 29. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters, mainly on 20, 17 and 15, using SSB. QSL via home call.

9H, MALTA (Also, ZB2). VA3ITA will be active as 9H3TZ between July 21-23rd. He states, "A quick and fast DX-pedition to honor the memory of Tonino, IK0TZX, who recently passed away. A neighbor, a friend, an elmer who introduced me to ham radio almost 20 years ago!" Activity will be on 40-2 meters, but with a focus on 20/15/6 meters. He will have a 6m beacon, 9H1SIX, in Malta on 50.023.5 MHz. His radio equipment is a Yaesu FT-857d with a custom made antenna made by LiriFalls antenna. After his Malta operation, Edmondo will once again go to Gibraltar and be active as ZB2/VA3ITA between July 25-28th. Activity will be the same. QSL via LoTW. Also, log will be uploaded to ClubLog.

C2, NAURU ISLAND. JH1NBN, will once again be active as C21BN from Nauru between July 27th and August 16th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters SSB using simple antennas with 100 watts. QSL via his home callsign.

CARIBBEAN TOUR. AI5P, will activate two islands on a holiday style DXpedition during the months of August and September. His tentative schedule is: August 12-22nd - From Grenada; callsign J3/AI5P August 23rd-September 1st - from Tobago; callsign 9Y4/AI5P Activity will be on 40-10 meters using mostly CW. Equipment is an Icom 706 with 100 watts into wire antennas. QSL via AI5P.

HS50, THAILAND. Look for HS50RAST to be active until December 31, 2014, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST). QSL via E21EIC and LoTW.

J7, DOMINICA. Laurent, FM5BH will be active as J79BH until July 21. Activity will be holiday style, mostly on CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

JW, SVALBARD. Knut, LB2LG, will be active as JW/LB2LG from Svalbard (EU-026) between July 21-25th. Activity will be on HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

PACIFIC TOUR. By the time you read this G4BUO will be in the Pacific and making his way to Vanuatu (YJ.). He is expected to be active between July 23-27th. Currently, his callsign is pending. His next stop will be the Kingdom of Tonga between July 29th and August 4th. His callsign will be A35UO. He does mention that "this is primarily a family holiday, but I will be on the air as and when time allows". Activity will be CW only using a FT-857 into a doublet or vertical for 40-10 meters. QSL via G4BUO.

S7, SEYCHELLES. DL2SBY, will be active as S79KB from two islands in the Seychelles between October 4-18th. Activity will be on 20-10 meters including 17/12 meters and possibly 30 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. His equipment will be a FT900AT with an ACOM 1010 amp (600w) into a triple-leg antenna for 20-10m. He will upload the log onto ClubLog. The QSL cards will be printed as soon as possible. QSL via DL2SBY.

T8, PALAU (Update/Callsign). Joe, OZ0J/5Q2T, will be active as T88VW from Palau Rental Shack on Koror Island between September 2-9th. Activity will be on all possible bands between 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (RTTY or PSK). All QSOs will be uploaded to ClubLog once a day depending on the Internet connection. He requests to please use the OQRS on Clublog.org. QSL via OZ0J.

VP2E, ANGUILLA. Frank, K3TRM will be active as VP2ERM from July 19 to August 3. Activity will be on the HF bands plus 6 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY. Real-time logging will be available on ClubLog. QSL direct or bureau to his home call, OQRS (via ClubLog) and LoTW.

VP9, BERMUDA. KU9C, will be active as KU9C/VP9 from VP9GE's apartment on Bermudabetween July 23-28th. He informs that this is a vacation, "not a serious operation, but will be on the air, and watching for 6 meter openings as a focus if that band pops". QSL via his home callsign.

YJ, VANUATU. ZL1MGA, is now active as YJ0MG from Espiritu Santo Island. The length of his stay is not known. Activity has been mainly between 0430z and 0730z on 20 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

Z2, ZIMBABWE. Mirek, SP5IXI/VK6DXI will once again be active as Z21DXI from Bulawayo until August 3. Activity will be limited to his spare time and on Sundays on 160 to 6 meters, using mostly CW. QSL via SP5UAF, by the Bureau (E-mail request), direct or by ClubLog's OQRS). Logs will be uploaded to the ClubLog.

As always, thanks go to the ARRL DX Bulletin, The Ohio Penn DX Newsletter, and the 425 DX News letter for much of the above information.
73 and good DX, Mike NA9Q



PLANT AN IDEA!

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR CLUB!! BE SURE TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES, AND SUGGEST AN ACTIVITY THAT WILL KEEP THE INTEREST UP IN OUR CLUB.

MOST OF ALL, PARTICIPATE!!



Dear Troops, Thanks to you, our flag is proudly flying over this country!



BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

**Do not be terrified;
do not be discouraged
for the Lord your God
will be with you
wherever you go.**

(Joshua 1:9)

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